

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on January 7, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 30, HB 31, HB 32, HB 63, HB 88, 1/4/1999
Executive Action: HB 30, HB 32, HB 57

HEARING ON HB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, HD 10 introduced HB 32.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 150}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. South, Director of Board of Investments.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 150 - 179}

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Dept of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 179 - 188}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Johnson closed HB 32

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 188 - 198}

HEARING ON HB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Peck, HD 31 introduced HB 30.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 198 - 209}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Montana Dept. of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 209 - 219}

Jack Cain, Weights and Measures, Dept of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 219 - 230}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Peck closed HB 30

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 230 - 241}

HEARING ON HB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Peck, HD 91 introduced HB 31.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 241 - 284}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jack Cain, Weights and Measures, Dept of Commerce
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 284 - 445}

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Dept. of Commerce
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 445 - 459}

Opponents' Testimony:

Bill Stevens, Montana Food Distributors
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 459 - 500}

Brad Griffin, Montana Retailers Assn. **EXHIBIT**(buh04a01)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 10}

Chris Gallus, Montana Chamber of Commerce
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10 - 23}

Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23 - 48}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Sliter, Bookout, Bitney, Barnett, Simon, Tuss and Juneau
questions the Bureau.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 48 - 400}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Peck closed HB 31
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 500}

HEARING ON HB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Simon, HD 18 introduced HB
63. ***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 115}***

Proponents' Testimony:

Duane Steinmetz, Plumbers Board
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 115 - 170}

Bob Nault, Member of Board of Plumbers
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 170 - 270}

Jerry Lyford, Member Board of Plumbers

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 270 - 318}

Bud Cobb, Butte plumber

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 318 - 341}

Keith Allen, electrician

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 341 - 360}

Mike Wadsworth, Wadsworth Plumbing

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 360 - 382}

Bill Waldenburg, Plumber

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 382 - 400}

Bud Cobb, plumber

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 431}

Opponents' Testimony:

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Dept. of Commerce

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 431 - 500}

Jim Kimbel, Montana Landscapers and Architects Assn.

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{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 76}

Janie McCall, City of Billings

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 76 - 95}

Brent Sayler, MT Chapter of Building Code Officers

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 95 - 147}

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 147 - 158}

Bob Karhu, Clancy architect

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 158 - 242}

Gene Fenderson, MT Joint Heavy Equip and Hiways Comm.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 242 - 268}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Ewer questions Rep. Simon

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 268 - 373}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Simon closed HB 63

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 373 - 500}

HEARING ON HB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Peck, HD 91 introduced HB 88.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 79}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ray Birch, Havre, MT

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 79 - 199}

Rep. Barnett, HD 32

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 199 - 223}

Opponents' Testimony:

Greg Van Horrsen, State Farm Insurance

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 223 - 258}

Jacqueline Linmark, American Insurance Assn.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 258 - 321}

Informational Testimony:

Brenda Nordlund, Dept. of Justice **EXHIBIT** (buh04a04)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 321 - 445}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Masolo, Barnett, Krenzler, Sliter, Pavlovich, Bookout, Trexler and Simon questions witnesses.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 445 - 500}{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 213}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Peck closed HB 88.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 213 - 307}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57

Motion/Vote: REP. KRENZLER moved that HB 57 DO PASS. Motion carried 17-1 with Ewer voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 307 - 332}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 30

Motion/Vote: REP. MASOLO moved that HB 30 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 332 - 385}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 32

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that HB 32 DO PASS. Motion carried 17-0. Rep. Ewer abstained from voting due to conflict.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 385 - 395}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 88

Motion: REP. TUSS moved that HB 88 DO PASS.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 395 - 400}

Motion: REP. TUSS withdrew DO Pass motion on HB 88.
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 450}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:44 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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